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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR
COOPERATION

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 3292

1. MALAYSIANS HAVE SO FAR NOT RPT NOT REACTED OFFICIALLY
TO MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF TEXT OF PROPOSED U.S./IAEA/
MALAYSIA PROJECT/SUPPLY AGREEMENT AND BILATERAL EXCHANGE
OF NOTES GIVEN TO THEM IN LATE DECEMBER. PRESUMABLY,
THEIR REACTOR SITING PROBLEM HAS REMOVED THE URGENCY
WHICH THEY PREVIOUSLY FELT, SO THEY SEEM TO BE TAKING
THEIR TIME. FYI. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT THEY DO NOT RPT
NOT WISH TO ANTAGONIZE YUGOSLAVS BY GOING AHEAD WITH AN
AGREEMENT CONTAINING PROVISIONS WHICH YUGOSLAVIA UN-
DOUBTEDLY BELIEVES WOULD PREJUDICE THEIR OWN NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH THE U.S. CONCERNING THE EXPORT OF FUEL FOR THE
KRSKO POWER REACTOR. MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR KHOR (CHAIRMAN
OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS) IS RESIDENT IN BELGRADE AND
HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH YUGOSLAVS. END FYI. IN ANY
EVENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT MATTER IS IN A STATE OF SUSPENSE,
PENDING MALAYSIAN RESPONSE. WE ASSUME MALAYSIANS WILL
EVENTUALLY RESUME NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WE CANNOT PREDICT

TIMING.

2. WE ASSUME DEPT'S INTENT IN CONVEYING MODEL BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WAS NOT RPT NOT MEANT TO REPLACE THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PROPOSED U.S./IAEA/MALAYSIA PROJECT/SUPPLY AGREEMENT, BUT ONLY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOTES TO BE EXCHANGED ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE REQUIRED OF ALL OF OUR BILATERAL PARTNERS.

3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY PARTICULAR MALAYSIAN REACTION TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION ACT OF 1978.

4. MISSION CONTINUES TO BE INTERESTED IN DETAILS REGARDING THE REACTOR SITING PROBLEM IN MALAYSIA AND WHATEVER INFORMATION MIGHT BE OBTAINED RE THEIR REVISED TIMETABLE FOR DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF THE REACTOR. KIRK

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